



Rendezvous at sea

February 10, 2017

AIDAcara and AIDAprima set course for Hamburg together

The big moment finally arrived today, Friday, February 10, 2017 at 5:45 p.m. CET: Off the German Bight, around level with the Dutch island of Texel, AIDAcara met AIDAprima. Both ships of the fleet with the smiling lips set a course for Hamburg and will enter the port on Saturday morning, February 11, 2017 around 8:00 a.m. AIDAcara will dock at Altona, AIDAprima will take her customary berth at the Cruise Center Steinwerder.

At 8:00 p.m., it will be "cast off!" for AIDAcara as she sets out on the first ever AIDA Selection cruise. Before AIDAcara says goodbye to Hamburg there will be a short trip around the harbor. After turning at the Altona dock (8:00 – 8:20 p.m.), the ship will head for the HafenCity, passing the Elbphilharmonie concert hall at around 8:30 p.m. After a further turning maneuver (8:40 – 9:00 p.m.) she will sail down the Elbe towards Altona. AIDAprima will cast off at 9:00 p.m. and line up behind AIDAcara. Then from around 9:20 p.m. the two ships will parade in the direction of the North Sea with AIDAcara in front. The crowning highlight for guests on board will be at around 9:50 p.m. when the ship comes level with the Blankenese district where a fireworks display will signal the start of the first Selection cruise.

Information about AIDA Cruises:

AIDA Cruises is one of the fastest growing and most successful tourism businesses in Germany. The company employs about 8,000 people from 40 different countries at their corporate offices and on board AIDA ships. AIDA Cruises operates and markets one of the world's most state-of-the-art fleets, currently comprising 11 cruise ships. In summer 2017 AIDA Cruises will welcome its twelfth cruise ship – AIDAprima – to the fleet with the smiling lips, and will be offering cruises from Palma de Mallorca and Barcelona. Two more new ships will be commissioned in 2019 and 2021. AIDA is the world's first cruise operator to apply the "Green Cruising" concept, powering its new generation of ships entirely with LNG (liquefied natural gas) from 2019. www.aida.de

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